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1. ACTION TAKEN AT THE ECOSOC MEETING NOW UNDERWAY IN GENEVA ON -CHEDULING A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE AN INTERNAT,ONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS WILL BE CRUCIAL TO SUCCESS OF BRIBERY TREATY INITIATIVE. THE ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES MADE IMPORTANT PROGRESS DURING ITS FINAL MEETING AND RECOMMENDED TO ECOSOC THAT IT RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF A DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH A VIEW TO SETTING A FIRM DATE FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE AND THAT IT ESTABLISH PREPARATORY COMMITTEES (REF A). SUPPORT FROM COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN ECOSOC FOR THE U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF B) PROPOSING THAT ECOSOC CONVENE A CONFERENCE IN 1979 IS NECESSARY FOR THE EFFORT TO SUCCEED. REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL ASKING FOR SUCH SUPPORT AND USING THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS.

2. -- WE THINK THAT AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS IS IN EVERY COUNTRY'S INTEREST. AS PRESIDENT CARTER STATED IN SIGNING INTO LAW THE FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT OF 1977, ILLICIT PAYMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE ARE ETHICALLY REPUGNANT AND COMPETITELY UN-

NECESSARY; THEIR EXISTENCE UNDERMINES THE STABILITY AND
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CLIMATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

-- THE ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES HAS MADE
IMPORTANT PROGRESS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF AN AGREEMENT ON
ILLICIT PAYMENTS WHICH CAN SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR AN
INTERNATIONAL TREATY. BOTH THE G-77 AND DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE GROUP. THE WORKING
GROUP HAS RECOMMENDED TO ECOSOC THAT IT NOW RE-EXAMINE
THE QUESTION OF A CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES TO
CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH A VIEW TO SETTING AN EARLY DATE
FOR THE CONFERENCE AND THAT IT ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE.
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-- WE ASK YOUR SUPPORT DURING THE CURRENT MEETING OF
ECOSOC FOR THE U.S. DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH CALLS ON ECOSOC
TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE IN 1979 TO ADOPT AN INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

3. FOR PARIS, BONN AND MEXICO: YOU WILL RECEIVE
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE BY SEPTTEL. VANCE

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